## Protect Yourself from Online Employment Scams Consumer Safety tips

- Do not open any unsolicited e-mails or attachments if they are not from a familiar or trusted source;
- Beware of e-mails that link to a website that lacks details about who is running the company, where it is based or does not have a phone number to contact the company;
- If you have downloaded any suspicious e-mails, verify your Spyware and/or malware protection software is up to date and if not download the latest definitions and run a new check. These are tools such as Malwarebytes, Spybot-SD, AD-Adware, etc. If you have none of these types of tools loaded many corporations will offer a free 60 or 90 day trial you can download and run;
- Never provide any personal information such as your date of birth or social security number;
- Never provide any banking information without verifying the person with whom you are communicating;
- Never deposit suspicious or unexpected checks into your account.
  Remember that even if your bank makes funds available from a deposit, that does not mean the check is good. It could still be fraudulent or forged and you could be responsible to replace those funds;
- Call or check with your local NH Works One-Stop office if anyone claims to be "partnering" with our offices; and
- If the offer appears "too good to be true", it probably is.